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Friday - 7 July 1972

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1. [ ] Jim Woolsey, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called to say he and Larry Garcia, of the staff, will be leaving Monday for a two-week trip to Saigon to investigate the [ ] case. Woolsey asked for some FBIS material which would assist them in identifying bombing raids into North Vietnam but said there would be no reason to be in touch with our people in connection with the substance of the trip. I told him we would alert our Saigon station to their presence there and to feel free to call on us if we could be of assistance in any other way. A bundle of FBIS books and sections of their "Trends" on this subject were hand-carried to Woolsey later in the day. An appropriate cable is being sent to Saigon.

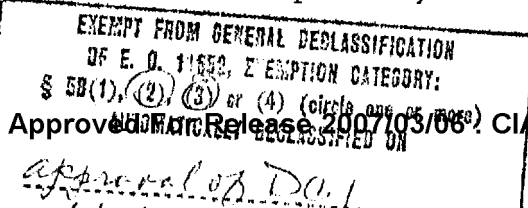
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2. [ ] Called Robert Hull, Department of State, to get a status report on the Department's dealings with OMB on the funding of the Foreign Service retirement system. OMB has backed off somewhat and Hull foresees a favorable resolution in the near future. See Memorandum for the Record.

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3. [ ] Called Robert Vagley, Director, General Subcommittee on Labor, Committee on Education and Labor, concerning the insertion by the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee of a provision dealing with age discrimination in Federal employment in the Fair Labor Standards Act amendments (S. 1861). Vagley was unaware of this provision and after checking into it he agreed we probably could, at a minimum, work out legislative history in the conference report, along the lines we had worked out on the Equal Employment Opportunities Act, to show that there is no intention to subordinate any discretionary authority or final judgment reposed in Agency heads for national security reasons in the interest of the United States. He also said the Senate Committee staff was adamant that the provision not be struck in conference. Vagley agreed it would be difficult to deal with the issue on the Senate floor and that the Civil Service Commission was the logical rallying point against its objectionable features. (We had previously learned the CSC had drafted the language of the provision for the Senate Committee and probably informally supported the provision.)



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Wednesday - 5 July 1972

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25X1 1. [ ] Received a call from [ ] who asked if we could determine from the Senate Armed Services Committee whether the Administration had agreed to accept a [ ] ceiling for 25X1A Laos in the Defense Procurement Authorization bill. It is [ ] impression that Fred Buzhardt, General Counsel, DOD, had given this indication to Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee.

25X1 2. [ ] Mr. Maury and I talked with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and asked him about Committee action on the Laos ceiling. Braswell said the Committee has completed its markup on the bill and has settled on a ceiling of [ ] for expenditures in 25X1A Laos including funds for AID. See Memorandum for the Record.

Braswell also brought up the subject of the Cooper bill (S. 2224) and expressed concern about this legislation even though he had prepared a letter for Senator Stennis which would block action by the Senate without the agreement of the Armed Services Committee. Braswell asked for our suggestions as to how the Chairman might oppose this legislation and we gave him some of our thoughts on the subject. See Memorandum for the Record.

Braswell mentioned the draft report which I had left with him on the McClellan bill (S. 3529). I assured him this was nothing of a controversial nature and said we had gone ahead with our submission of the draft letter to OMB for clearance. He said this was fine.

25X1 3. [ ] John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called regarding the Hersh story alleging Agency involvement in "Rainmaking" in the New York Times of 3 July. He said we could expect questions on this matter. See Memorandum for the Record.

Goldsmith said we would probably be unhappy over the fact they had cut the ceiling in Laos from about [ ] 25X1A

25X1 4. [ ] Picked up from the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy the transcript of the Director's briefing of the Committee on 13 June.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate  
Armed Services Committee, re Laos Ceiling for  
Fiscal Year 1973

25X1A 1. Today Mr. Maury and I talked with Ed Braswell and asked him  
about Committee action on the Laos ceiling. Braswell said the Committee  
has completed its markup on the bill and has settled on a ceiling of [ ]  
[ ] for expenditures in Laos including funds for AID. He said this was  
25X1A done in order to avoid a floor fight with Senator Symington who would not  
accept the [ ] figure without debating it on the floor.

25X1 2. Braswell said DOD had mentioned to him that there was some  
slippage [ ] but Braswell is irritated with DOD for not  
giving him any of the details on this. He emphasized he had no quarrel  
with the Agency on this. Later on he mentioned that DOD had indicated to  
the Committee staff, on a confidential basis, that a figure of [ ] would be  
quite acceptable. 25X1A

25X1 3. I reported the above to [ ] who said it  
was fairly obvious that DOD representatives have passed on to the Committee  
the substance of conversations between the Agency and themselves. These  
discussions have resulted in the conclusion that [ ]  
will not reach the 36 battalion level contemplated for FY 1973 and will  
probably not go beyond 24 battalions, thus cutting the programmed cost.  
25X1 [ ] by approximately one-third.

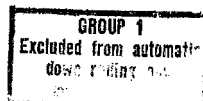
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OLC 72-0774

5 July 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate  
Armed Services Committee, re Cooper Bill (S. 2224)

1. Today while Mr. Maury and I were talking with him, Mr. Ed Braswell brought up the subject of the Cooper bill (S. 2224) and said he was preparing a letter for the Chairman's signature to block any attempt by Senator Fulbright to bring this bill up on the floor under unanimous consent agreement without its having also been reported by the Armed Services Committee. He said he was rather concerned about this legislation, however, and asked if we had any suggestions as to how the Chairman might attack it on the floor.

2. We said we had a position paper already prepared on the bill and added we felt strong arguments could be made by the Chairman. We pointed out that the Foreign Relations Committee already receives all of the conclusions reached by the intelligence community in intelligence briefings on a world-wide basis but this was quite different from giving the Committee access to the basis for these conclusions which would involve the disclosure of intelligence sources and methods. We said this could result in leaks of extremely sensitive information which could dry up the sources on which we base the conclusions which have been so enthusiastically endorsed by Senator Fulbright himself.

3. I also pointed out it would create an impossible situation if the Director were subject to the control and guidance of the Foreign Relations Committee since his responsibility had to remain exclusively with the President and the National Security Council.



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